

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) Finkeel for boats, characterized in that it comprises a fixed portion with an end for connection to a hull and a moving portion comprising a pair of lee-boards arranged on the fixed portion, rotatable in a hinged manner on opposite sides with reference to a midplane of the fixed part, wherein the lee-boards are provided with respective ballast elements and are substantially symmetrical and adjacent to each other when aligned with the midplane of the hull, the lee-boards extending from the end of the fixed part, opposite to the connection end thereof.
2. (Original) Finkeel according to claim 1, wherein the lee-boards are rotatable independently of each other.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) Finkeel according to claim ~~3~~ 2, wherein the ballast elements are arranged at the ends of the respective lee-boards.
5. (Original) Finkeel according to claim 1, wherein the lee-boards are rotatable with respect to a same axis lying on a midplane of the fixed portion.

6. (Original) Finkeel according to claim 5, wherein the lee-boards are hinged on a shaft arranged along their axis of rotation by means of respective sleeves.

7. (Original) Finkeel according to claim 6, wherein at least one of said sleeves is rotationally integral with the shaft where the arms are arranged, said arms being operated by respective actuators.

8. (Original) Finkeel according to Claim 7, wherein at least one of said sleeves is idle with respect to the shaft and is provided with arms operated by respective actuators.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) Finkeel according to claim 1, wherein the lee-boards have a matching form with elements interposing with each other, in the condition aligned with the midplane of the fixed part.

11. (Original) Finkeel according to claim 1, wherein the lee-boards are rotatable about respective parallel axes arranged on opposite sides with respect to the midplane of the fixed part.

12. (Canceled) Finkeel according to claim 1, wherein the lee-boards extend from the end of the fixed part, opposite to the connection end thereof.

13. (Original) Finkeel according to claim 2, wherein the axes of rotation of the lee-boards are arranged parallel to the longitudinal axis of the boat's hull.